

## **An update on relocating the Beloved Community Village**

Good afternoon,

After initially proposing to lease city property at 4400 Pearl to the tiny home village, we have spent the past two months talking with the existing Globeville residents about how the village can become a good, new neighbor in Globeville, much as it has been in the RiNo Arts District.

We've heard excitement and support from people who have taken the time to email, call, write letters, and talk with us at their own front doors. We've also heard concerns from some neighbors over safety, whether this will be good for Globeville, requests for a shorter lease term, and requests for the city to look for alternative locations.

Based on your feedback, we have made changes to the proposal:

- We have asked the Colorado Village Collaborative (the non-profit organization that operates the Beloved Community Village) to operate according to a Good Neighbor Agreement that requires a clear screening process to ensure new residents meet strict eligibility criteria, including prohibiting sex offenders, potentially dangerous individuals, drug use, and violence of any kind, among other items. The village has shown an incredible dedication to ensuring the safety and neighborly behavior of its residents over the past 18 months in RiNo, and the city expects this same standard of living in Globeville as well.
- We have shortened the amount of time the village would be able to remain in Globeville to only 3 years, instead of 4.
- We will implement monthly check-ins throughout the duration of the village's stay in Globeville to ensure it is upholding the Good Neighbor Agreement, and is maintaining a clean, safe, and welcoming presence at 4400 Pearl.

- When new openings in the village are available, the village will notify Globeville residents first, so that people with connections to existing Globeville residents can apply for a home in the village. Services offered to village residents, like help accessing healthcare, jobs, and permanent housing, are often also available to the broader community and the village will work to expand these to Globeville residents.

### *Re-examining alternative sites*

In addition, we heard the requests to look for alternative locations, and in March, we went back to the drawing board to do just that. In addition to re-examining sites we reviewed last year, we also looked at other properties in various locations around the city. Specifically, we checked for:

- Lots large enough to accommodate 11 tiny homes, a bath house, and meeting space
- Accessibility to transit (since most residents of the village do not have cars)
- Suitability and safety for residential uses, including
  - Flood risk,
  - Fire Department access and proximity to a fire hydrant,
  - Existence and quality of street, alley, and right-of-way infrastructure,
  - An ability to plumb a kitchen and bathrooms, and
  - Zoned to allow a mixture of uses, not just single-unit homes and not just warehouses.
- Ready to inhabit now, and not committed to another development project for at least a year

After reassessing, the lot at 4400 Pearl remains the best site for the current timeline, since it is still the only property that meets all criteria, including safety, suitability for residential use, accessibility to transit, enough developable space, and can be ready by the May 13<sup>th</sup> deadline.

We anticipate submitting the proposed lease agreement to City Council by the end of April. The Beloved Community Village has achieved success delivering housing and services to

some of Denver's most vulnerable residents, allowing these individuals to pursue jobs and education, surrounded by a stable support network. This work is important and should be able to continue.

**COMMUNITY CARE DAY IN GLOBEVILLE:** Both the city and Colorado Village Collaborative are committed to being a good partner to Globeville. On Saturday, April 13, Denver Public Works, volunteers from the village, and volunteers from other city agencies will be removing trash and graffiti in the public right of way and refreshing worn out traffic signs & markings.

If you would like to join us, please meet at 10 a.m. at 4400 Pearl on April 13<sup>th</sup> and walk with our crews as we clean. If you have suggestions on specific public locations that need our crews' attention while we are there, please fill out the form at [www.bit.ly/communitycareday](http://www.bit.ly/communitycareday) or call (720) 865-8720. Colorado Village Collaborative will grill lunch at noon and will be available to answer questions and provide updates to neighbors about the Beloved Community relocation. All are welcome!

An invitation is attached to share.

*This email was sent to the representatives of registered neighborhood organizations (RNOs) in Globeville and to those who have attended a meeting on the tiny home village relocation and requested to be notified of updates. RNOs, please share with your membership.*

Thank you,

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